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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Recommendation of DI/USAF for NIE on Probable French Reaction to Possible US Courses of Action Taken in Lieu of EDC

1. I agree fully with Mr. Kent's view that some estimate along these lines will be desirable in the near future, but that the scope and assumptions should be carefully worked out with the NSC Planning Board.

2. For your information in discussing this matter with the IAC, the following is the status of planning on this subject:

a. Policy Planning Staff of the State Department has prepared certain papers, which have not been circulated for comment even to other offices of the Department.

b. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have examined tentatively the military aspects of certain of the obvious possibilities, and have given at least one working paper to the State Department to assist the Policy Planning Staff. (General Banastreel offered to obtain this paper if necessary, but suggested that it might be more appropriate, if it were desired, to proceed through General Porter.)

4. When and if the State Department's work reaches a more intense stage, the advice of the Paris Embassy will almost certainly be sought in detail, and this advice will probably cover points vital to the framing of the proposed estimate. It may therefore be desirable for you to discuss with Mr. Armstrong, either at the IAC or outside, the desirability of his being in close touch with the offices framing such inquiries.

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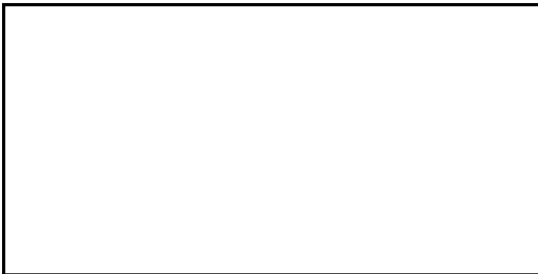
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5. Recommendation: That you advise the IAC of the planning status described in paragraph 2 above, and recommend that no estimate be undertaken until more exact policy guidance can be obtained.



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